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SECS. 502 (B) (4) AND (6) OF TITLE V OF THE TRADE ACT

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1. SUMMARY: AS RESULT OF EVENTS OF JULY 1974 CYPRUS IS NOW
DEFACTO BIZONAL ISLAND. GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS (GOC) HAS CONTROL
OVER SOUTHERN PART OF ISLAND. SO-CALLED AUTONOMOUS TURKISH
CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION (ATA) -- NOW STYLED FEDERATED TURKISH
CYPRIOT STATE -- CLAIMS CONTROL OVER NORTH. GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY
(GOT) PARTICIPATES IN EVERY ASPECT OF POLICY FORMULATION FOR
"FEDERATED STATE" AND EXERCISES ABSOLUTE RIGHT OF VETO. ADMIN-
ISTRATION IS EXECUTED BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS, ADVISED CLOSELY
(OFTEN DIRECTED) BY TURKISH MAINLAND OFFICIALS AND BUTTRESSED
BY TURKISH MILITARY FORCES. U.S. COMMERCIAL AND PRIVATE PROPERTY
INTERESTS IN SOUTH HAVE NOT BEEN VIOLATED. AMERICAN PROPERTY
RIGHTS IN NORTH HAVE NOT BEEN OBSERVED, WHICH IS CENTRAL POINT
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OF THIS CABLE. END SUMMARY.

WE BELIEVE SELECTED CASES LISTED BELOW MAY AFFECT ELIGIBILITY OF TURKEY UNDER SECS. 502 (B) (4) AND (6). END SUMMARY.

2. TURKISH ACTIONS HAVE AFFECTED U.S. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN NORTHERN ZONE CYPRUS IN NUMEROUS INSTANCES. MOST RECENT ACTION DEALS WITH CYPRUS MINES CORPORATION (CMC), PER REF B. ACTING UNDER ORDER OF ATA MINISTER OF FINANCE, TURKISH ARMY HAS TAKEN POSITIONS IN AND AROUND INSTALLATIONS SINCE FEBRUARY 7. CMC MANAGING DIRECTOR HAS NOT BEEN PERMITTED ACCESS. OTHER ACTION AGAINST CMC REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT INVOLVED TURKISH ARMY TAKE-OVER WITHOUT COMPENSATION OF SHIPMENT OF CMC ORE TO TURKEY. CMC HAD BEEN APPROACHED FOR SALE OF THE ORE BUT HAD REFUSED. TURKISH MILITARY THEREUPON COMMANDEERED ORE.

3. TURKS IN NORTH ARE OPERATING U.S. OWNED MOBIL AND ESSO FACILITIES WITHOUT EITHER PERMISSION OR COMPENSATION. TURKS HAVE DISMANTLED U.S.-OWNED CHICKEN FARM; HAVE REFUSED ACCESS TO U.S.-OWNED COMMERCIAL GOODS IN NORTH; HAVE CLAIMED DISAPPEARANCE OF U.S.-OWNED WATER DRILLING RIG; HAVE IN SUM REFUSED TO SHOW ADEQUATE CONCERN REGARDING U.S. OWNED PROPERTY. NUMEROUS OTHER EXAMPLES EXIST AND HAVE BEEN REPORTED. REFERENCES ARE NOT CITED AS RELEVANT EMBASSY FILES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.

4. EMBASSY HAS ON FILE MORE THAN 160 PROPERTY CLAIMS FOR AMERICAN-OWNED PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA. THE LIST OF AMERICAN-OWNED PROPERTIES SUBMITTED TO SCS WITH REF (C) HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO BOTH TURKISH AND TURK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES. MOST PROPERTIES BELONG TO AMCITS OF GREEK CYPRIOT ORIGIN. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOWED RESETTLE IN THEIR HOMES OR REMOVE MOVABLE PROPERTY (MOST OF WHICH NOW LOOTED). MANY OF THEIR HOMES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ALLOCATED TO TURKISH REFUGEES FROM QYVUTH. TURKS ARE DRIVING VEHICLES BELONGING TO AMCITS AND REFUSE TO TURN OVER TO OWNERS OR EMBASSY EVEN AFTER TITLE FULLY ESTABLISHED.

5. WHILE TURKS CLAIM ALL THESE MOVES ONLY TEMPORARY PENDING FINAL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS ISSUE, AMCITS EFFECTIVELY DENIED USE OF PROPERTY FOR SEVEN MONTHS NOW, MOVABLE PROPERTY MOSTLY LOST, AND PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE RETURN OF PROPERTY OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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